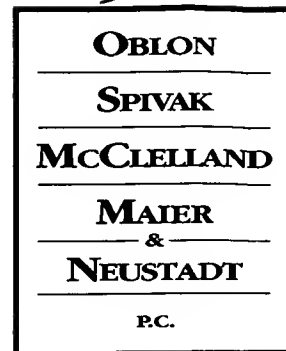




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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Amendment w/Sanger et al (1997 Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 74:5463-5467 attached**

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In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration and allowance in light of the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.